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State Awards \$34,529,477  
in Community Development Block Grant Funds

SACRAMENTO --- The Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Matthew O. Franklin, today announced awards totaling \$34,529,477 to complete community development projects throughout rural California.

The funds were made available under the non-entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which has been administered in California by HCD since 1982. The more populated cities and counties in California receive CDBG funding directly from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

As a result of this funding, over 121 low-income families will become homeowners.

In addition to the first time homebuyer programs, funded activities include housing rehabilitation programs in Thirty-five (35) cities and counties throughout California. Over 267 substandard houses occupied by low-income households will be made sound by these housing rehabilitation programs.

Funded public works projects include water main replacement in the City of Anderson, City of Wasco, and the County of Tulare. Funds will also facilitate the payment of replacement of water systems in the County of Mono, County of Siskiyou, City of Soledad, and the City of Lincoln. The community of Firebaugh in Fresno County will receive funds for developing a new well for drinking water. The community of Lassen County will receive funds to upgrade their sewage treatment system. Under the Colonia's allocation the Cities of El Centro, Brawley, and Imperial, and the County of Imperial received funding to address drainage, street improvements and for water and sewer improvement in their communities.

Funded community facilities projects include the construction of a multi-use facility in the community of Weed in Siskiyou County. The County of Humboldt was awarded funds to construct a community facility for the homeless. The City of Fort Bragg and the County of Del Norte received funds to do necessary ADA improvement to homeless shelters. Both the City of Coachella and the City of Los Banos are constructing new child care facilities. The County of Monterey will purchase and rehabilitate a facility for a child and family resource center. Lastly, the City of Montague will construct a fire station.

The \$34.8 million will be distributed for CDBG eligible activities in 20 counties and 54 rural cities. The Department received seventy-four (74) applications and a total of seventy-four (74) applications were processed. Of the \$34.5 million in CDBG funds awarded, \$635,000 is designated for non-recognized Native American tribes and \$2,500,000 for designated Colonia's near California's border with Mexico.

The funds were awarded to the seventy-four (74) jurisdictions on the attached list.